Japanese aid for development of industrial corridor

2418. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has agreed to help India to develop an Industrial Corridor, along the Delhi-Mumbai multi-modal freight corridor;

(b) if so, whether the understanding was reached during the discussions between Commerce and Industry Minister and Japan's Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry in Tokyo, in December, 2006;

(c) if so, what are the main agreements reached between the two countries; and

(d) what steps Government are considering to take to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Government of Japan have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding on December 13, 2006 during the visit of Prime Minister of India to Japan for developing of the 'Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor'.

(d) Information on the existing and proposed infrastructural facilities along the proposed corridor is being collected from concerned Central Ministries as well as State Governments, which will form the input for development of a feasible concept.

SEZs in Rajasthan

2419. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the area of land over which each Zone is to be set up in Rajasthan;

(b) the promoter selected for each Special Economic Zone;

(c) the investment by promoter and the likely total investment in each Zone, Zone-wise;

(d) the likely number of people to be displaced and the compensation to be paid to each person displaced, Zone-wise; and

(e) the details concessions proposed to be granted for SEZs by the Centre and the State, and the likely revenue implications of these concessions for the Centre and the State, Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) After the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Rules, 2006 came into operation with effect from 10th February 2006, formal approvals have been granted for setting up three SEZs in Rajasthan. Details of the promoter, location, area and the likely investment by the promoter as per the details given in the application are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of promoter	Location	Area (in hectares)	Sector	Likely investment by the promoter (Rs. crores)
1.	Mahindra World City (a Joint Ventrure of M/s. Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation & M/s. Mahindra Gesco)	Jaipur	49	Information Technology (IT)/Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) *[in-principle approval for Multi Product SEZ]*	939.30
2.	M/s. Vatika Jaipur SEZ Developers Ltd.	Jaipur	20.23	Information Technology (IT)/Information Technology Enabled Services /(ITES)	1447.82
3.	Somani Worsted Limited	Khushkhera, Bhiwandi	20	Electronics Hardware and Software/ITES	660

(d) In all cases of formal approvals, either the land was in possession of the State Industrial Development Corporation or with the promoters and there is no fresh acquisition of land. However, as per available information, over 2000 acres land is beng acquired under the provisions of Land Acquisition Act, 1894, for the SEZ approved in-principle to be developed by M/s. Mahindra World City and the farmers are being given 25% developed land in lieu of cash compensation.

(e) The fiscal concessions as provided in the SEZs Act, 2005 and the SEZ Rules, 2006 are available to all SEZs set up in the country. The quantum of exemptions and incentives is dependent on the investments and export profits and cannot be estimated at this stage.

NHRC notice regarding displacement of people due to SEZs

2420. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a notice from the National Human Rights Commission with regard to displacement of millions of people due to Special Economic Zones;

(b) the details thereof;

(c) what steps would be taken to try to find an amicable and reasonable solution to the issues raised through the NHRC;

(d) whether Government would go to the root of the problem and try to ensure that the contentions/issues related to SEZs are removed and conditions changed; and

(e) steps proposed to avoid confrontation with displaced victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) A notice has been received from National Human Rights Commission on a petition filed by Shri Pentapati Pullaro of Andhra Pradesh on the issue of displacement of farmers due to land acquisition for various purposes including Special Economic Zones (SEZs). However, specific reference has been made in this regard to the Tata's project at Singur in